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SUBJECT: MEXICO CONSULAR CONFERENCE

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FOR ARA AND SCA

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, AMBASSADOR'S PLAN TO HOLD PRINCIPAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE IN MEXICO POSTPONED BECAUSE OF OCTOBER NARCOTICS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND AMBASSADOR'S DETAIL TO SELECTION BOARDS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 4. AS ENVISAGED SUCH CONFERENCE AGENDA SHOULD COVER POLITICAL, ECONOMIC TRADE PROMOTION, CONSULAR, MANAGEMENT NARCOTICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES IN ALL OF MEXICO. HE STILL DESIRES SUCH A CONFERENCE BUT RECOGNIZES VALIDITY OF SCA PROPOSAL FOR A PURELY CONSULAR WORKING-LEVEL CONFERENCE, HENCE PROPOSES THAT IN EFFECT TWO CONFERENCES BE HELD CONSECUTIVELY.

2. FOR FOREGOING REASON, EMBASSY NOW PLANNING FOUR DAY CONFERENCE, SUBJECT ARA AND SCA CONCURRENCE, DECEMBER 10-13, WITH FIRST DAY AND HALF DEVOTED TO GENERAL PROGRAM/POLICY REVIEW, AND NEXT TWO FULL DAYS DEVOTED SOLELY TO CONSULAR OPERATIONS. THE FINAL HALF DAY OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE LEFT OPEN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS DEPENDING ON NEED WHICH MIGHT DEVELOP DURING STRUCTURED FIRST THREE DAYS. THIS PLAN WOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO PERMIT SELECTED OFFICERS TO ATTEND ONLY PORTIONS OF CONFERENCE; FOR EXAMPLE, PRINCIPAL

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OFFICERS WOULD ATTEND ALL SESSIONS, WORKING-LEVEL CONSULAR OFFICERS

WOULD ATTEND CONSULAR SESSIONS, AND OTHER OFFICERS WOULD ATTEND GENERAL SESSIONS. (OUR PLANNING ENVISAGED AMBASSADOR TO CHAIR INITIAL GENERAL SESSIONS AND SCA ADMINISTRATOR TO CHAIR PURELY CONSULAR PORTION OF CONFERENCE TO LAST TWO DAYS.)

3. REGARDING FACILITIES AND FUNDING, EMBASSY MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM CAN SEAT UP TO FIFTY IN REASONABLE COMFORT. OUR UNDERSTANDING EMBASSY TO FUND IN-COUNTRY CONSULATATIONS; SCA AND ARA TO FUND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

4. EMBASSY ALSO SHARES VIEW THAT WASHINGTON PARTICIPATION SHOULD INCLUDE SCA OFFICE DIRECTORS, ARA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND MEXICO COUNTRY DIRECTOR, DG/PER PERSONNEL OFFICER FOR MEXICO, AND REPS FROM INS AND HEW.

5. SUGGESTION TO INVITE PARTICIPANTS TO RAISE WORKING LEVEL ISSUES AND PROBLEM CASES IS A GOOD ONE AND WILL BE FOLLOWED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: ARA AND SCA APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO HOLD CONFERENCE DECEMBER 10-13 UNDER GENERAL TERMS OUTLINED THIS MESSAGE.

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